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July 28, 2008

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(Natural Resource related items)

- **Fishing Tour by Ogema.** Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte took Ogema Romanelli on a tour of the tribal member-owned commercial fishing fleet operations last week. They took the S.A.F.E. boat out from Manistee to view nets off this port. The Ogema had promised to review the situation in person.

- **CORA Class.** Seafood *Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point* (HACCP) certification training is scheduled for December 9th-11th at Bay Mills Community College. The course is open to all fishers and fish processors. CORA member tribal commercial fishers should check with their Natural Resources Department for further details. An announcement will also appear in the next **Currents**.

- **Hunters Safety Class.** This year's first Hunter Safety Class has been announced for August 1st (from 6 to 9 p.m.) and August 2nd (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Lunch will be provided on Saturday the 2nd. Please contact Sgt. Robles to register at 231.690.7319.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Help to Oceana and Mason Counties.** The Tribal Police Department was called out recently to assist the Sheriff's offices in both Oceana and Mason counties in a search and recovery mission that ended ultimately in tragedy. Both Sheriff's made public comments in support of the great equipment and training officers have at LRBOI and how important their assistance was in the case.

- **TPD Water Rescue.** Friday the Tribal Police Boat (S.A.F.E.) was patrolling the waters off Manistee and heard a distress call about a sinking boat during the fishing tournament, *Salmon Splash 08*. They were closest to the site of the accident, responded immediately and rescued several people. Sgt. Mark Szynski and Officer Mike Brown were operating the craft at the time and are to be commended for their quick action which saved 5 lives.

(General area items)

- **Language/Cultural Camp 08.** The Tribal Historical Department held their 15th Annual *Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp* over the weekend at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. This event was well attended and was a delight for everyone. Tribal Language Instructor Kenny Pheasant was the MC for the event and Ogema Romanelli welcomed the large crowd at lunch on Friday.

- Tribal Member Amber Shepard of Ludington, MI was awarded a five hundred dollar scholarship from the Michigan Indian Elders Assoc. at the meeting held in July. This is the first time a LRBOI student was been awarded a scholarship by MIEA.

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(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Budget meeting scheduled.** The required budget hearing for the review of the 2009 proposed budget has been scheduled for August 23rd, 2008. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. until noon in the Dome Room at the Bank Building in Manistee at 375 River Street. Please enter through the back parking lot door.
- **WSSC/Tribe.** Ogema Romanelli and Council member Hardenburgh held meetings with the President and Development Director for West Shore Community College recently. They were discussing possible cooperation on education for members and employees in the future.
- **Ogema Website.** Ogema Romanelli has started using the website at www.lrboi.com to post replies to the many questions and rumors that have been coming to his attention. It is his opinion that this will be the fastest way to get the information into the citizen's hands. Be sure to check it regularly.

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